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Dreamliner coming in for a landing at Logan

Logan will be the first airport in the US with regular commercial use of newly designed plane The 787 features less fuel consumption and lower carbon dioxide emissions But what is all that going to cost you?

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▶ Dreamliner is cleared for landing.

▶ The business class on the test airplane is bigger than some apartment living rooms.

It's being billed as one of the most efficient airplanes ever to be built and made its landing in Boston yesterday for what officials called "a morning of aviation history."

The Boeing 787 Dreamliner will offer nonstop service between Boston and Tokyo starting next month. Logan Airport will be the first in the country to have the 787 used in regular commercial service when Japan Airlines beings flying from Boston on April 22.

It will also be the first nonstop service between Boston and Asia in Logan's history.

But besides the firsts, the plane is also being touted for its efficiency. It is made mostly of carbon composites rather than aluminum steel, allowing for a reduced body weight.

"We wanted to make it one of the most efficient airplanes ever built." RANDY NEVILLE, BOEING

Officials said the plane is 20 percent more fuel efficient than similar predecessors and that it relies more on electricity to power certain functions.

Ed Freni, the director of aviation for Massport, which operates Logan, said the plane fits well for Logan, which cannot accommodate some of the biggest jumbo jets. He said there were few accommodations that needed to be made at Terminal E, Logan's international terminal. The airport did have to come up with a way to supply more ground power to the plane while it is at the gate because it relies more on electricity.

"We at Japan [Airlines] are very excited for this new aircraft. From here to Japan it's almost a 13-hour direct flight," said Hiroyuki Hioka, Japan Airlines senior vice president.

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Passengers will get to experience some new features on the 787 aircraft.

Instead of window shades, passengers will be in control of a dimmer switch that can tint the windows, which are also bigger than normal.

Overhead bins are the among the largest in the industry, Boeing officials said.

The plane has a twin aisle design with two classes - business and economy.

The plane is also designed to accommodate bunks for crews on longer flights. METRO

By the numbers

$1.8K
The price of a nonstop flight between Boston and Tokyo in early May would cost about $1,800. The price is dictated more by the route and timing, rather than the type of aircraft, according to a Japan Airlines official.

400,000
About 400,000 passengers who travel from Logan Airport to Asia each year will now have a nonstop option to fly.

20%
The plane's design allows for 20 percent lower fuel consumption and 20 percent lower carbon dioxide emissions, Boeing said.

$228M
The cost of the plane is between $194 million and $228 million.

5-6 hours
Flight time will be reduced.

In the news

8%

A poll released yesterday by Western New England University revealed that Republican Sen. Scott Brown leads his Democratic contender Elizabeth Warren 49 percent to 41 percent. Ten percent of those surveyed are still undecided, according to the poll of 527 registered voters. METRO

Today's local tweet

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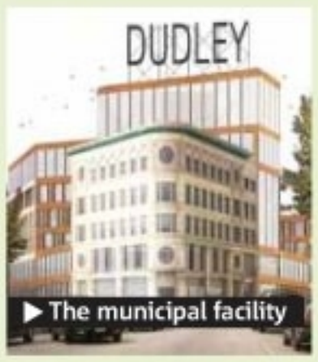

▶ The municipal facility

Dudley Square to get makeover

ROXBURY. City officials lauded a $115 million project to revitalize a building in Dudley Square during a recent groundbreaking ceremony.

The historic Ferdinand building will become the Dudley Municipal Facility and will help bring new businesses and economic opportunities to the neighborhood, city official said.

Mayor Thomas Menino has promised to make the square a "signature destination." METRO

Man drops from bridge

BOSTON. An 18-year-old man is in critical condition after he "dropped" from a footbridge over Storrow Drive and was hit by a car.

The unidentified Sherborn man fell into traffic about 1:16 a.m. yesterday, according to state police.

He was hit by a car driven by a 43-year-old Revere resident, police said.

Foul play is not suspected. BOSTON.COM

Woman stabs elderly man?

ROXBURY. A Roxbury woman will face a judge today after she allegedly stabbed an 83-year-old man. Police were called to the Abbottsford Street home about 2:30 a.m. Saturday. There they found the man suffering from a stab wound. He was in serious condition, but is expected to survive, police said. Tina Collins, 48, allegedly knew the man and the stabbing was ruled a domestic incident. METRO

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Unusual Dial	$8,000	Elgin	$650
Unusual Function	$40,000	Gruen	$1,200
Unusual Shape	$11,000	Hamilton	$250
Chiming	$120,000	Illinois	$1,500
Chronograph	$17,000	Movado	$2,500
Regular	$12,000	Omega	$2,500
Repeating	$65,000	Patek Philippe	$80,000
Stop Watches	$11,000	Rolex	$25,000
Pocket Watches	$55,000	Tiffany & Co.	$80,000
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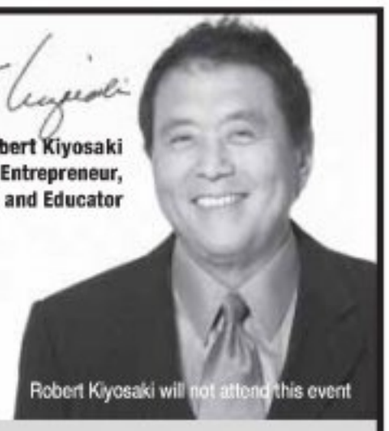
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Famous names on new list of unclaimed Mass. money

In a weakened economy, it is a wonder how anyone could miss money that they own.

But in just the past six months, the Massachusetts Treasury identified hundreds of thousands of people, charities and businesses that are owed more than $80 million in unclaimed property.

State Treasurer Steven Grossman's office released this month a printable list of people that are owed more than $100.

"This new list is the tip of the iceberg. While it contains approximately 52,000 names, these are only a small portion of the individuals, businesses and charities that we have on record," Grossman said in a statement. "We want to take every step possible to get unclaimed property back into the hands of its rightful owners."

Fifteen accounts on the new list are worth more than $100,000, 49 are between $50,000 and $100,000 and 6,404 exceed $1,000.

The unclaimed property includes forgotten savings and checking accounts, un-cashed checks, insurance policy proceeds, stocks, dividends and contents of unattended safe deposit boxes, according to Grossman's office.

Accounts are considered "unclaimed" and turned over to the state after three years of no activity. The Treasury releases an updated list every six months as new accounts are turned over.

Money for nothing

Some famous people, including former Boston sports stars, are owed some money under the new list.

- Kendrick Perkins, the former Celtics star who was traded to the Oklahoma City Thunder last year, has more than $100 in unclaimed property.
- Richard Seymour, who played for the Patriots for eight seasons, also has unclaimed property.
- To see if you have unclaimed property visit www.findmassmoney.com.

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Spinning. For hope

▶ Spinners participated in the American Cancer Society's Spin for Hope event yesterday.

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About 100 people were spinning and sweating at Wave Health & Fitness at the Seaport Hotel yesterday to raise money for the American Cancer Society. The Spin for Hope event took place at fitness clubs across New England. More than $334,000 was raised from the three-hour programs in 2011.

News in brief

Gas prices being checked

MASSACHUSETTS. State officials sent an alert to inspectors yesterday telling them to be on the lookout for unusually high gas prices in any area.

The Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation sent the alert on price gauging and told inspectors to check gas station prices against other stations in the immediate area, according to WCVB.

The state's average for unleaded regular gas is $3.74, according to AAA's fuel gauge report. It was $3.53 a month ago. The national average is $3.76.

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Honor for T bus drivers

BOSTON. Several MBTA bus drivers were honored during a ceremony last week for volunteering time to provide service. The drivers volunteered to provide transportation service during the funerals for Worcester and Peabody firefighters who were killed in the line of duty, according to the Boston Carmen's Union.

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Duo robs delivery driver of food

ROXBURY. A delivery driver for a local pizza shop was robbed at gunpoint early yesterday morning in Roxbury.

The driver said a homeowner denied ordering food. As the driver left, two men offered to buy it.

He denied, and they attacked him. METRO

The last pictures of Franco Garcia?

Police release photos of missing BC student from night he vanished Surveillance images from bank

Photographs recently released by police capture the last known traces of Franco Garcia before he vanished.

Investigators are still trying to determine what happened to the missing 21-year-old Boston College student after a night out with friends.

Newton and state police distributed the pictures of Garcia that were captured as he walked past an ATM in Cleveland Circle the night he went missing. The pictures were taken at 12:18 a.m. Feb. 22.

"It appears Franco is heading north on Chestnut Hill Avenue," Newton police said in a statement.

State police said the photos are the last ones they have of Garica and show him right after he left a Brighton bar.

Garcia went missing after he left a group of friends he had spent time with at Mary Ann's, a bar popular with BC students. He parked his car on campus and it was still there after he went missing.

▶ Franco Garcia

A ping from a cell phone tower showed that Garcia's phone was somewhere near the Chestnut Hill Reservoir around 1:15 a.m. the day he went missing.

State police divers scoured the reservoir for days in an attempt to find any sign or clue of Garcia, but they found nothing.

Police also recently searched his parent's home in West Newton.

Garcia's family has put up missing person posters in the Cleveland Circle area and stood vigil at the reservoir as police searched the water.

Friends have also taken to social media, using Facebook and Twitter to help spread word of the search. Nearly 2,800 people are members of the Franco Garcia missing person Facebook group.

The effort even gained the support of musician Bruce Springsteen, who posted about the search effort on his Facebook and Twitter pages. Springsteen's son is also a BC student.

Anyone with information can call 617-796-2100.

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Unhappy. Meal

▶ Would you like jail time with that?

Hunger tantrum caught on tape

Transit police are searching for a man who apparently was in need of a happy meal last week. The man is captured on video approaching the McDonald's in South Station. When he realizes it's closed, he pushes a cash register and a donation box on to the floor. Damage was estimated at $3,000.

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WITH METRO'S **MATT BURKE**

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- Five years ago, football and basketball programs were national powerhouses
- Former players, donors, staff upset with the direction of athletic department
- Group blasts athletic director
- Seats getting hot for new football, basketball coaches as interest wanes

THE RAPID DECLINE OF BC ATHLETICS

It was the night of Oct. 25, 2007, and the Red Sox were playing Game 2 of the World Series at Fenway Park.

The Celtics, who had acquired Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen to team with Paul Pierce in the offseason were a week away from starting their most anticipated season since the Larry Bird-era.

The Patriots were 7-0 and there was talk of an undefeated season after a dominant road win at Miami just days prior.

One could easily make the case that this date was THE height of sports popularity in the history of the city of Boston.

Indeed, the Red Sox playing a home game in the Fall Classic is on par with the Patriots playing in the Super Bowl. In other words, it's as big as it gets in these parts.

Quoted

"There needs to be some attention paid to (the decline) by the board of trustees."

FORMER BC BOARD MEMBER AND DONOR GREGORY BARBER

But on that night, there were more than a few TV sets in the Greater Boston area clicking over from FOX to ESPN.

BC football, which had captured the imagination of the region in the 1980s during the Doug Flutie era, was back and possibly better than ever.

Matt Ryan, now a legitimate Heisman trophy candidate, had led the Eagles to a dramatic 14-10 victory over Virginia Tech on that magical Thursday night and BC had improved to 8-0 for the first time since 1942.

They were ranked No. 2 in the country and unbelievably enough, thoughts of a national championship were realistic.

Just 19 months earlier, the Boston College basketball program was having similar national championship aspirations. Had it not been for an overtime goaltending call in the Sweet Sixteen against Villanova, the Eagles would have been just one win away from the Final Four.

During this period, Boston College owned arguably the hottest athletics department in the NCAA, an organization which is fueled by men's basketball and football.

Less than five years later, the Eagles barely register on the college sports landscape. The football program, which fired highly successful head coach Jeff Jagodzinski (20-8 overall record) following the 2008 season, went a paltry 4-8 in 2011.

The basketball program, which fired highly successful head coach Al Skinner in 2009 just wrapped up a 9-21 regular season, finishing dead last in the ACC.

The BC athletic department simply says that it's going through a down period. But former Eagles players, millionaire donors and former athletic department staff say that the current situation at the school is one that is going to get a lot worse before it gets better.

As for getting back to the glory years of 2006 and 2007, the group says that the damage done since that time will take "decades to repair."

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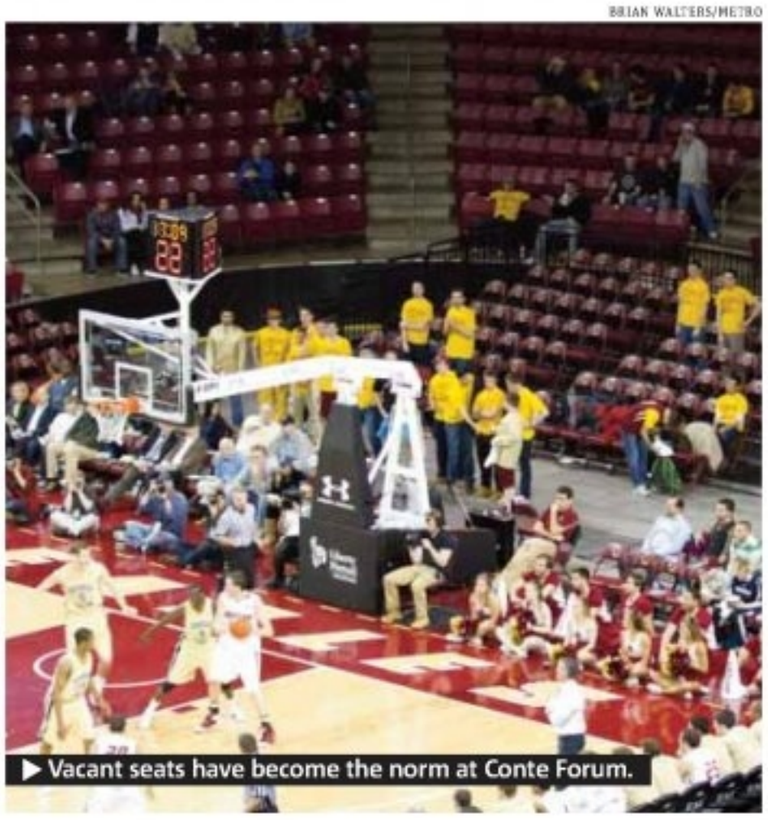


▶ Vacant seats have become the norm at Conte Forum.

Boston College responds to Lively's letter

▶ The Eagles have struggled under football coach Frank Spaziani.

Steven Lively, a former Boston College offensive lineman who played in the NFL for the Cleveland Browns and New York Giants in the early 1980s, penned a letter to the board of trustees and CC'd Father William Leahy regarding the decline of the athletic department.

The letter, which offered few specifics of inappropriate action by Athletic Director Gene DeFilippo or the athletic department, did catch the attention of Boston College as they quickly responded to the letter with a statement.

University spokesman Jack Dunn wrote in January:

"Steve Lively's letter regarding Athletic Director Gene DeFilippo is perplexing and unfortunate, and filled with irresponsible and baseless claims. It has caused a number of people, including several of Steve's former football teammates, to express concern for him and his judgment.

Under Gene's leadership, the BC Athletics program has remained true to its traditions and the pursuit of excellence. Boston College has one of the highest student-athlete graduation rates in the country, its athletics facilities have been upgraded significantly, and its athletes have succeeded on the field and in service to the wider community. Gene DeFilippo has the confidence, respect and support of countless members of the Boston College community, including University President Fr. William Leahy, as well as colleagues in intercollegiate athletics throughout the United States."

DeFilippo, who was in Greensboro, N.C., for the ACC Women's Basketball Tournament, was unavailable for comment regarding this story during the weekend.

GETTY IMAGES

▶ Boston College men's basketball has been trending downward since its run to the Sweet Sixteen in 2006.

Group calls situation 'toxic'

Over the past three weeks, a group of former Boston College football players, donors and athletic department staff alleged an atmosphere of "fear and intimidation" surrounding the current state of the athletic department in a series of interviews with Metro.

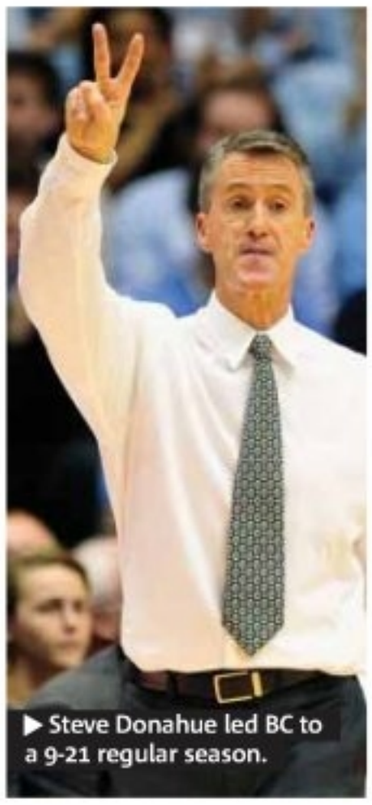
"The last two years I was there it was very toxic, it's not a good place to work right now," a former athletic department staff member said. "You never knew which (Athletic Director) Gene (DeFilippo) you were going to get when you walked into his office. You never knew if he would be nice to you or bite your head off. There were lots of mood swings and he rules by fear. I didn't want to be in that environment."

The group spoke of DeFilippo undermining former basketball coach Al Skinner, former football coaches Jeff Jagodzinski and Tom O'Brien and many other BC head coaches over the years by speaking directly to student-athletes and assistant coaches and questioning game plans and coaching methods.

The group believes that much of the reason why Skinner, Jagodzinski and former women's basketball coach Cathy Inglese were dismissed is directly tied to DeFilippo's controlling ways and had "absolutely nothing" to do with on-field results.

"I'm sure a lot of people will say why aren't more people speaking out? Well there are reasons for that," said Bill Stephanos, a 1981 BC graduate and draft pick of the Minnesota Vikings. "There are a lot of people that still would like for their kids to go to BC and I understand that. As for the former coaches, there are severance packages tied to requirements that they don't speak."

"This isn't the place we went to school. This place is strictly about money. And no one wants to talk about it."
FORMER EAGLES O-LINEMAN STEVEN LIVELY



▶ Steve Donahue led BC to a 9-21 regular season.

Former big-time donors, like Greg Barber, say that many former alumni have given up on the direction of the athletic department. "I believe (the negative tone of the athletic department) goes back to the period of time when Tom O'Brien was head football coach and was about to leave," said Barber, a former trustee who gave BC a gift of $2.5 million in 1997 to endow the head coaching position. "Today we have almost nothing to do with BC despite having three graduates in the family.

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With a 4-8 season in 2011, the Eagles football team failed to qualify for a bowl for the first time in 12 years. BC men's hoops hasn't made the NCAA tournament since 2009.

"Under (DeFilippo's) own admission, he spends 24/7 worrying about the football program. He's said that (current head football coach) Frank Spaziani is the best coach he's seen at BC in 15 years even though you have (hockey coach) Jerry York in place, and he just won his 900th game. There's been tremendous turnover under his watch and based on the results, I'm just not impressed with (DeFilippo's) management style. I'm not involved today and I'm disassociated with BC. It's a shame."

Steven Lively, who has spearheaded an effort by BC alumni to get these issues public, said that Father Leahy is also to blame for the decline.

"Father Leahy wants to create his own legacy and frankly isn't concerned with athletics," Lively said. "There's a fundamental shift going on and the student experience is taking a hit for it."

Metro first contacted DeFilippo's office last Wednesday for a response to this story. Arrangements could not be met prior to press time for a sit-down interview, which Boston College requested.

DeFilippo's office declined Metro's request for a phone interview during the weekend.

Super Tuesday looking up for Romney

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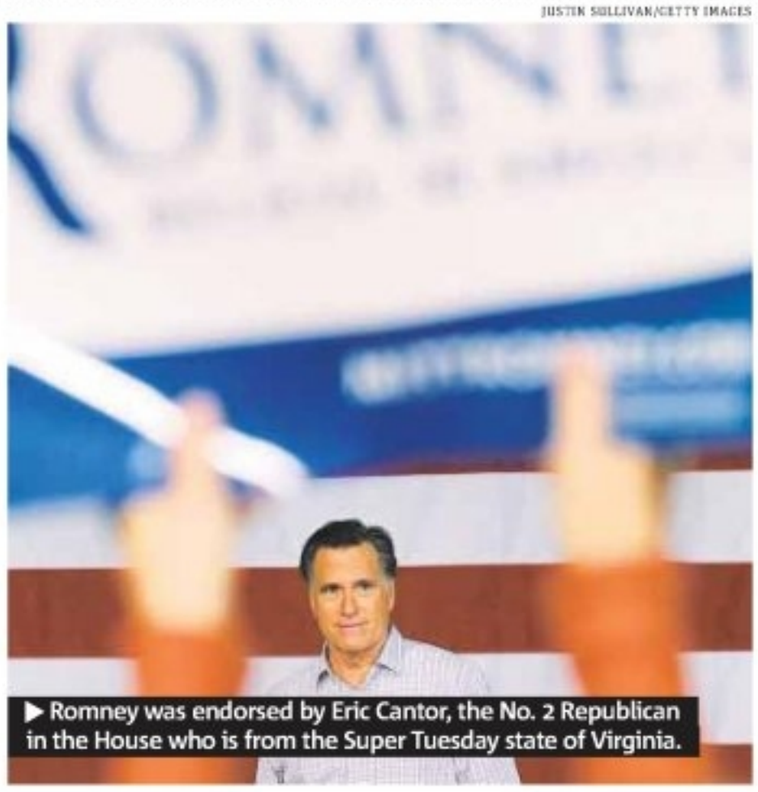

▶ Romney was endorsed by Eric Cantor, the No. 2 Republican in the House who is from the Super Tuesday state of Virginia.

Mitt Romney closed in on Rick Santorum in Ohio and picked up a crucial endorsement in Virginia yesterday as he grows in strength ahead of "Super Tuesday," the biggest day yet in the race for the 2012 Republican presidential nomination.

A Reuters/Ipsos poll found

Romney, a former Massachusetts governor, is tied with Santorum at 32 percent support from likely voters in the Ohio Republican primary, the most important of the 10 state nominating contests tomorrow.

Santorum, a former Pennsylvania senator who is a social conservative with a strong blue-collar message, had been leading in polls in the economically hard-hit Midwestern state by double digits in recent weeks.

Santorum needs an Ohio win to prove he remains a threat to Romney after losing Michigan and Arizona to him last week.

But Romney's five straight victories in Maine, Michigan, Arizona, Wyoming and Washington state have given him a burst of momentum despite some serious reservations about him from conservatives who have flirted with a variety of alternatives.

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Too much 'loose talk' on Iran war

President Barack Obama warned yesterday against "loose talk" of a war with Iran ahead of a crucial meeting during which he will urge Israel's prime minister to avoid a premature strike on the Islamic Republic's nuclear facilities.

On the eve of his talks with Benjamin Netanyahu, Obama used a speech to the pro-Israel U.S. lobbying group AIPAC to pledge his staunch support for the Jewish state and to argue that international sanctions on Iran must be given more time to work.

But there was no sign he and Netanyahu were moving any closer to agreeing on their approach to Iran.

Obama said the "bluster" about a military strike was counterproductive because it has been driving up global oil prices, boosting demand for Iranian oil and helping to offset the impact of sanctions on its economy.

"I firmly believe that an opportunity remains for diplomacy — backed by pressure — to succeed," Obama told the crowd of 13,000 people in a cavernous ballroom.

"I would ask that we all remember the weightiness of these issues [and] the stakes involved for Israel, for America and for the world. Already, there is too much loose talk of war," he added.

Obama did not accuse any particular person or country of the "loose talk."

Obama's meeting with Netanyahu today comes amid U.S. fears that Israel might opt to strike Iran on its own if it is not convinced of U.S. resolve to stop Tehran from acquiring a nuclear weapon.

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Ahmadinejad a lame duck?

TEHRAN. Clerical Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has tightened his grip on Iran's faction-ridden politics after loyalists won over 75 percent of seats in parliamentary elections at the expense of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, a near-complete count showed. The widespread defeat of Ahmadinejad supporters — including his sister, Parvin Ahmadinejad — is expected to reduce the president to a lame duck after he sowed divisions by challenging the utmost authority of Khamenei in the governing hierarchy.

What's so super about tomorrow?

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Today is the Monday directly preceding Super Tuesday — in which the four remaining Republican presidential candidates will vie for their slice of the proportional delegate pie — and you know what that means: endless speculation on the outcome of tomorrow's votes. We'd hate to disappoint.

Super Tuesday, historically the day on which the largest amount of delegates is awarded to primary candidates, is a bit stunted this year: In 2008, 24 states held contests on the heroically designated day, with 41 percent of total party delegates at stake; this year only 10 states are participating, representing 419 delegates, or 36 percent of the total needed to win the nomination, 1,144. Alaska, Georgia, Idaho, Massachusetts, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont and Virginia will vote.

Of the above listed states, the one that will likely get the most media coverage today is Ohio — and not just because, like this great nation herself, it's both round (on the ends) and high (in the middle). As pundits will repeat ad nauseum, Ohio is a bellwether state: No Republican nominee has ever become president without winning it. It also represents the second-largest delegate haul of the day, with 63 to Georgia's 76. Moreover, the diverse state is seemingly up for grabs, as opposed to the Southern state where Gingrich thinks he dominates: According to a Reuters-Ipsos poll released yesterday, Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum are in "a dead heat" in the Rust Belt swing state, tied with 32 percent support from likely voters.

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▶ Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney strides down the trophy hallway at Brookwood High School in Snellville, Ga., for a campaign event as if he won them himself — which, given his delegate count, he very well may have.

Regardless of who wins which states, however, the campaign narrative will not change dramatically. Even if Romney wins all 419 delegates, for instance, a virtual impossibility, he'll have shored up only 612 delegates, around half the total necessary. And Rick Santorum, whose campaign gathered impressive momentum after triple wins last month, is at a disadvantage given a pair of missteps — failing to secure a spot on the ballot in Virginia, meaning he cedes those 46 delegates, and also not qualifying in some Ohio congressional districts. Gingrich, for his part, has been waiting for this day, though exactly why is not perfectly clear: Even if he dominates in Georgia he'll still only have 93 delegates, about equal to Santorum's total as of today.

All of which is to say that Super Tuesday isn't shaping up to be particularly spectacular for any of the candidates — except, perhaps, for Romney; who, with his already commanding lead and (bruised though it may be) mantle of inevitability, may be able to scoop up enough votes to ensure his slow-but-steady eventual nomination.

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Because sometimes you don't have time for much more than skimming the headlines:

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- "Romney the Inevitable: A Back to the Future GOP Moment" **NATIONAL JOURNAL**
- "Santorum Concedes Need For Obamacare" **THINK PROGRESS**
- "Rick Santorum, Mitt Romney tied in new Ohio poll" **WASHINGTON POST**
- "Super Tuesday ad spending nearly tops $10 million" **ASSOCIATED PRESS**
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News in brief

Chavez has cancer again

CARACAS. President Hugo Chavez said he will need radiation treatment for cancer in the run-up to Venezuela's October presidential poll, though he insisted there was no metastasis after the removal of another tumor.

"I will live! I will overcome!" the 57-year-old socialist leader said in a televised meeting with some cabinet colleagues from Cuba, where he underwent an operation six days ago for a recurrence of the cancer that struck him last year. **REUTERS**

Putin wins Russian election

MOSCOW. Vladimir Putin claimed victory in Russia's presidential election yesterday and, tears rolling down his cheeks, said it was a historical turning point that had prevented the country falling into the hands of enemies trying to usurp power.

The prime minister's opponents said there had been widespread fraud in the election. They refused to recognize the results and vowed to press on with the biggest protests since he rose to power 12 years ago. **REUTERS**

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▶ A school bus is lodged in a home where it came to rest after being tossed by a tornado in Henryville, Indiana.

Calm returns to tornado zone, storms left 39 dead

Calm weather gave dazed residents of storm-wracked towns a respite early yesterday as they dug out from a chain of tornadoes that cut a swath of destruction from the Midwest to the Gulf of Mexico, killing at least 39 people.

The fast-moving twisters spawned by massive thunderstorms damaged schools and a prison, splintered blocks of homes and tossed around vehicles like toys — killing 20 people in Kentucky, 14 in neighboring Indiana, three in Ohio and one in Alabama, officials said. Georgia also reported a storm-related death.

"We're not unfamiliar with Mother Nature's wrath out here in Indiana," Governor Mitch Daniels told CNN during a visit to the stricken southeast corner of the state.

"But this is about as serious as we've seen in the years since I've been in this job," he said, standing against the backdrop of the hard-hit town of Henryville, which declared a nighttime curfew to prevent looting. **REUTERS**

Limbaugh sorry for calling girl a slut

Right-wing talk-show host Rush Limbaugh, roundly criticized for branding a law student a "slut" over her outspoken support of President Barack Obama's new policy on contraception coverage, apologized on Saturday for his "insulting word choices."

The furor over Limbaugh's comments, made on his influential radio program, prompted Obama to call the 30-year-old Georgetown University law student and women's rights activist, Sandra Fluke, on Friday to express his support.

"My choice of words was not the best; and in the attempt to be humorous, I created a national stir," Limbaugh said in a written statement. "I sincerely apologize to Ms. Fluke for the insulting word choices."

Fluke, who has advocated making contraception available to all women, was caught in the middle of a contentious election-year fight between Obama and Republicans over the president's policy that requires health insurance plans to cover contraception.

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▶ Limbaugh

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RUSH LIMBAUGH

Religious-affiliated organizations, the Roman Catholic Church and social conservatives have protested the policy as an infringement on religious liberty. An effort by Republicans in the Senate to overturn it failed this week. **REUTERS**

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Service delays for United over glitch at kiosks

United Airlines battled service delays this weekend as it worked through technology glitches during its combination of the United and Continental Airlines reservation systems.

United on Saturday adopted the reservation platform of the former Continental Airlines after the companies merged to form the world's largest airline, now known as United Airlines and owned by United Continental Holdings.

But after spending months preparing for the change — including training about 15,000 employees on the new software — United said yesterday that technical issues had flared up at airports across the system, causing delays.

In particular, problems with the company's airport check-in kiosks meant customers had to line up to see service agents, spokeswoman Megan McCarthy said.

"We did have some issues with our kiosks and at times that slowed the check-in process," McCarthy said, adding that the airline's performance had improved by yesterday morning as the company installed upgrades to the kiosks. **REUTERS**

75.5%

About 75.5 percent of United's mainline flights were on time — arriving within 14 minutes of their scheduled slot — yesterday morning, according to United.

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▶ A woman uses the "Easy Check-In" machine at the United Airlines terminal at John F. Kennedy International Airport.

China military budget going up by 11.2 percent

BEIJING. China will boost military spending by 11.2 percent this year, the government said yesterday, unveiling Beijing's first defense budget since President Obama launched a policy "pivot" to reinforce U.S. influence across Asia. The increase announced by parliament spokesman Li Zhaoxing will bring official outlays on the People's Liberation Army to $110 billion for 2012, after a near-unbroken string of double-digit rises across two decades. **REUTERS**

"You can see that we have 1.3 billion people with a large land area and a long coastline, but our outlays on defense are quite low compared to other major countries."
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Morgan Stanley banker charged with hate crime

NEW YORK. A senior Morgan Stanley investment banker was placed on leave after police accused him of hurling racial slurs at a taxi driver of Middle Eastern descent and stabbing him in the hand with a pen knife over a fare dispute.

William Bryan Jennings, co-head of North American fixed-income capital markets at the Wall Street bank, was arrested near his home in Darien, Conn., on Wednesday. He was charged with second-degree assault and sixth-degree larceny for not paying the fare and intimidation by bias or bigotry, Detective Mark Cappelli told Reuters. **REUTERS**

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– Dorothy Robinson will return tomorrow.

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Jason Segel is looking to grow as an actor, Elizabeth Banks is seeing pink, Sarah Silverman isn't impressed with Twitter braggers and Conan O'Brien has his priorities in order.

@jasonsegel
I've decided it's finally time for me to get a real "leading man" body. Like Marlon Brando in The Godfather.

@ElizabethBanks
Neon is new...again. I'm being inspired by all things hot pink

@SarahKSilverman
Dear people who Retweet the compliments you get: why do you do that?

@ConanOBrien
I would gladly trade all my fame and fortune for even more fame and fortune.

Segel

Once a 'Jackass,' always a jackass

Considering he's 32 years old, **Bam Margera**'s 2012 is off to a suspicious start. After his Mardi Gras pool-hopping arrest in New Orleans, the former "Jackass" star spent last weekend fighting over a girl — with a pro boxer.

Sources tell TMZ that Margera and a woman were hanging out in Adelaide, Australia, when her ex-boyfriend, an unidentified featherweight champion, approached them. Surprisingly, the boys weren't able to talk this one through, and a fight broke out. The sources go on to say that Margera "didn't get hurt that bad" and "held his own."

Well, for now, at least. Forget jealous Australian boxers — Margera is married to a Philly girl.

Should have stuck with music lessons

A thief pretending to be Grammy Award-winning violinist **Joshua Bell** snuck into his hotel room in Spain last week and helped himself to quite a few valuables. After gaining access to the room, the impersonator called security and asked for help opening the safe, reports TMZ. Included in the loot? A $38,000 watch.

"I was amazed at how easy it was for this to occur," Bell tells the site.

And we're amazed that a violinist can drop $38,000 on a watch. What does this guy drive?

Why are we talking about Kirk Cameron?

Kirk Cameron shared his views on homosexuality and gay marriage during an appearance on "Piers Morgan Tonight" on Friday. "I think that it's detrimental and ultimately destructive to so many of the foundations of civilization," said the former child actor.

GLAAD had a snappy comeback, while Morgan supported his guest's decision to voice his opinions — which we suppose we need to get behind in the name of free speech or whatever. But in the future, Morgan, let's just ask the kid from "Growing Pains" what's good on the brunch menu and move on.

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Take us in, Angelina!

What do you do when you're too famous to hit up Six Flags in peace? Build a theme park on the sprawling grounds of your French chateau. **Brad Pitt** and **Angelina Jolie** are installing a solar-powered play-ground-to-end-all-playgrounds that will include "a massive pool, slides, tunnels, boat rides, a pirate island with a castle, a go-cart track and an old-fashioned carousel," according to Perez Hilton's source.

Angie, I take back the leg jokes! Any chance you want to adopt a twentysomething?

Talking points

Demi Moore checks into vacation

Demi Moore has reportedly checked out of the Cirque Lodge rehab facility in Utah and immediately headed off "on vacation" to an undisclosed location, according to E! News. "She's in no rush to get back to L.A.," a source says. "She's on total lockdown and only talking to a small group of people." The actress checked into the facility in January to deal with an eating disorder and addiction issues after a headline-grabbing hospitalization. Her rep had no comment on the location change.

▶ Nick Cannon and wife Mariah Carey may need to take more time for relaxation — on doctors' orders.

Health is first for Nick Cannon

Nick Cannon is opening up about his recent trips to the emergency room. "It's a lot of stuff, but it's all in order now," Cannon tells People mag. "They kind of say [my] autoimmune [disease] is — like a lupus type of thing, but no one else in my family has it." Cannon was first hospitalized for "mild kidney failure" in January, and then again a few weeks later because of a blood clot in his lungs. "The blood clot thing was probably the scariest, because I've known people who have passed away from that," Cannon says. His doctors' advice? Quit some of his jobs, like a gig hosting a NY radio show, which he recently gave up. "I'm just trying to make sure I put my health first," he says.

Justin Bieber is all grown up, talking about a family

Newly minted adult **Justin Bieber** is looking forward to some alone time now that he's 18. "Eighteen requires a lot of responsibilities. Moving out requires me to be alone — without my parents. So, legally, I can make any decision I want," he tells MTV News. "My mom's still going to be there, probably, calling me every day. Probably won't be able to get away from her for too long." And now that he's all grown up, Bieber is looking even further into the future: "I see myself in 10 years having a family," he says.

Can Lindsay Lohan make a comeback?

She's under probation, but has already started her media campaign to be taken seriously Metro checked in with a psychotherapist to gauge the actress' chances

Do you remember Lindsay Lohan when she was a talented child actress, before the puffy face and handcuffs? We're struggling.

The 25-year-old is now better known as an addict than as an actress, but has the combination of jail time, therapy and community service at a morgue finally made her come to her senses?

Psychotherapist Sherry Gaba has doubts over Lohan's sobriety. "When a person is sober, they usually know their sobriety date without question. She did not give it in her most recent interview, so I am not so sure that she is," says Gaba of last week's chat with Matt Lauer for "The Today Show."

On the other hand, Lohan's career seems to be back on track, and she's being tipped for the coveted role of Elizabeth Taylor in the upcoming "Elizabeth and Richard: A Love Story" — provided she behaves.

"Getting and staying sober is a one-day-at-a-time program," says Gaba. "Lindsay will need to continue to stay close to a recovery program that will need to include 12-step meetings, a sponsor and possibly psychotherapy to deal with the underlying issues that have led to her numerous relapses."

Gaba believes there is no guarantee that Lohan will stay clean forever: "Only if she is willing to make her recovery her No. 1 priority will she have an excellent chance of living a fulfilling and sober life."

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▶ Lohan was happy to poke fun at herself while hosting "Saturday Night Live" over the weekend.

Child star trouble

Like other troubled former child stars (Drew Barrymore, Corey Haim, Corey Feldman and Britney Spears, just to name a few), Lindsay's unusual upbringing may have contributed to her current problems.

"Child stars often become 'adult children' with highly stressful responsibilities. As young adults, they sometimes attempt to re-capture their lost childhoods by acting out and behaving in self-destructive ways, which may be one of the reasons Lindsay has been so troubled," says Gaba.

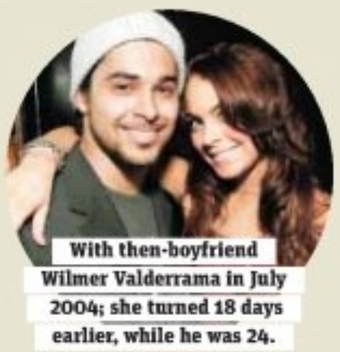
Q&A

Will probation and rehab be enough?
"She needs ... people who have her back and bring out the best in her, not [those who] drag her down in their chaos," says Gaba.

Time line: Lohan throughout the years

Circa 1998 at "The Parent Trap" premiere

Laughing it up with Tina Fey at the "Mean Girls" premiere in April of 2004


With then-boyfriend Wilmer Valderrama in July 2004; she turned 18 days earlier, while he was 24.

At the "Herbie Fully Loaded" premiere in 2005. Lohan was all but nixed from the posters due to "un-Disney-like behavior."

In 2006, Lohan was hospitalized during the filming of "Georgia Rule" and spotted at rehab.

In May 2007, weeks before being arrested for DUI and entering rehab

July 24, 2007: Lohan was again arrested for DUI.

With then-girlfriend DJ Samantha Ronson in 2008; the couple's fights were a fixture in tabloids.

July 20, 2010: After violating probation, Lohan served 14 days in jail.

Sept. 24, 2010: After failing a drug test and violating her probation, Lohan spent part of the day in jail before being released.

Probation revoked, Lohan was sent to jail with bail set at $100,000 on Oct. 19, 2011.

Looking put together in court last month, Lohan was commended for participating in her court-mandated community service.

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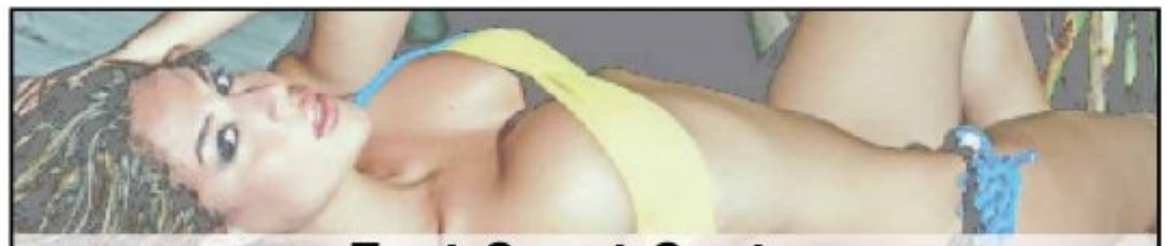

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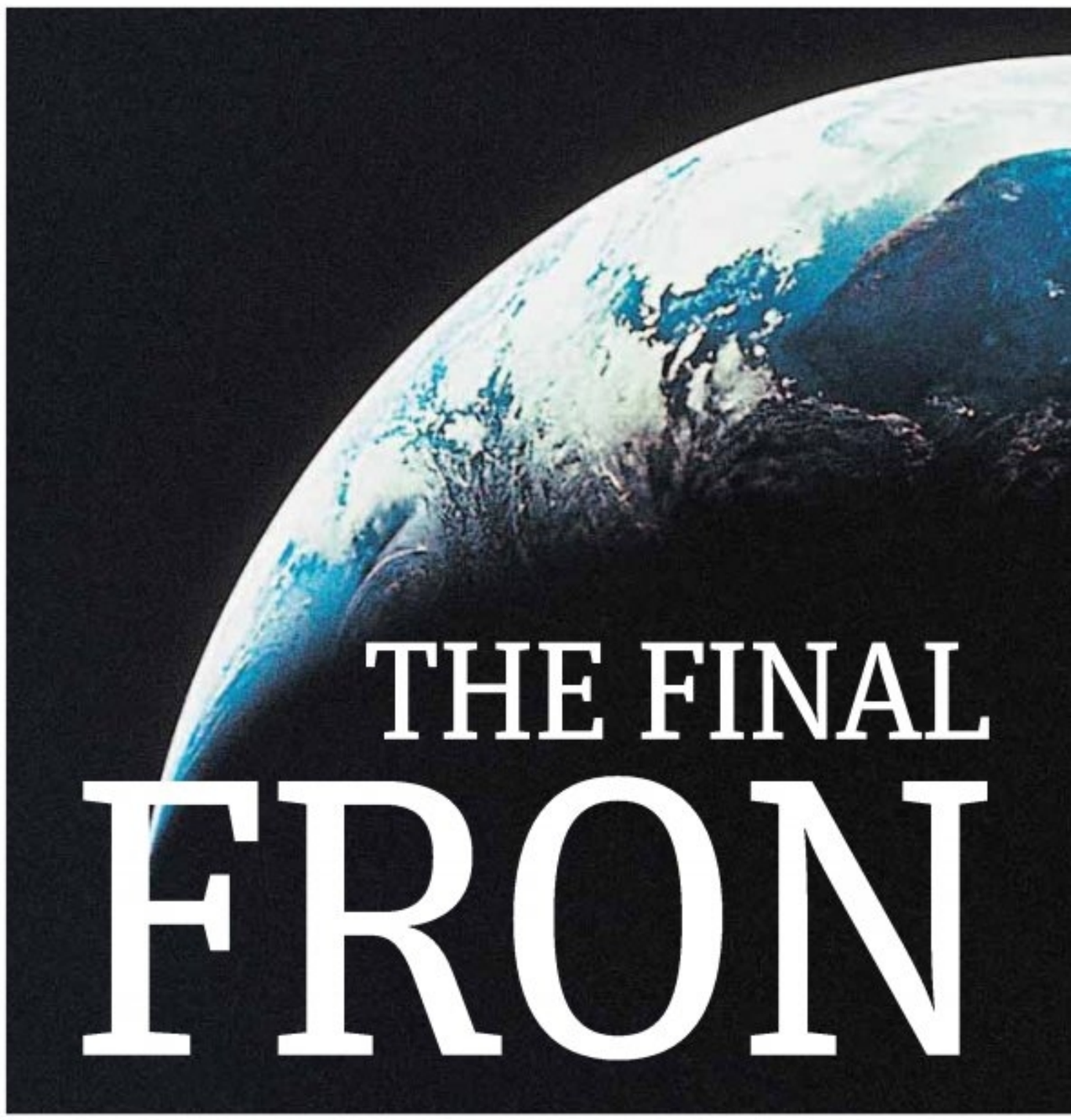

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"Being in space is an experience that has truly changed my life. I flew the space shuttle three times but the first time was by far the most impactful."

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Rick Searfoss, a NASA astronaut and a commander of the space shuttle, who is also chief test pilot of the Lynx, told Metro: "Being in space is an experience that has truly changed my life. I flew the space shuttle three times but the first time was by far the most impactful. I'm a little bit jealous of the person that's going to win. The Metro Race for Space: for him or her, this unique experience is still to come."

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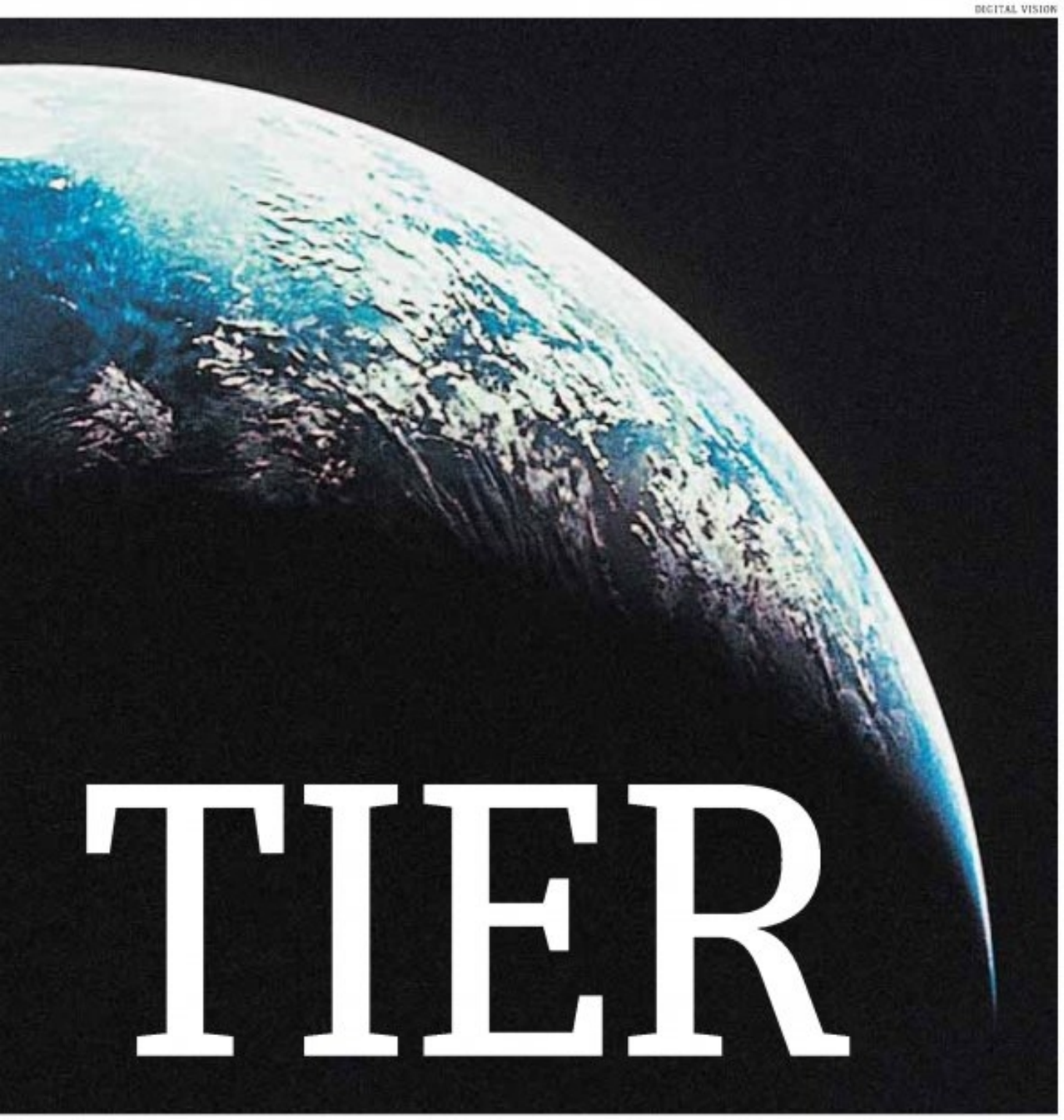

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‘Go ahead and let it out’

While making ‘Girl Walk: All Day’ the director of the improv musical says a few commuters were indifferent and there were instances of ‘scaring people’ But it’s hard to have either reaction while watching the film

Remember how giddy you got the first time you heard Girl Talk, the mash-up artist who simultaneously samples dozens of disparate artists to make a big stew of sound that you can dance to? The film “Girl Walk: All Day” is the visual equivalent. And it produces the same euphoria.

In the film, performers who have mastered several dance forms leap, tap, groove and robot dance all over Manhattan to Girl Talk’s 2010 masterpiece, “All Day.” It is a music video that clocks in at more than an hour. It is a musical. It is art that was inspired by art that was inspired by other art. It is a lot of things.

If you go

Girl Walk
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Anne Marsen plays the main character. She wears a dorkily iconic windbreaker and dances up to commuters in a joyfully confrontational way.

Director Jacob Krupnick says when he began filming Marsen, he wasn’t sure how the unintentional extras would act.

“About 99 percent of the reaction we elicited was disinterest, which was not totally expected but we used it to effect,” he says. “As we started filming more and more days, we realized we weren’t really going to get almost any reaction. Then we started to alter the story a bit to accommodate that.”

COURTESY OF JACOB KRUPNICK

▶ Anne Marsen leaps to the occasion.

That’s right, he said “story.” Although the Girl Talk album wasn’t initially conceived as a concept album, “Girl Walk” uses it to tell a tale of a frustrated ballerina who breaks out of her routine and eventually falls in love, all against the backdrop of everybody else going about their routines.

“There were very few issues with security guards, but very little intervention on the whole,” says Krupnick. “At Yankee Stadium, Anne was snatched and booted after jumping up on the railing. ... When she was escorted out — which we have on film — the officer says, ‘You can’t do that.’ And she says, ‘Why not?’ And he says, ‘You’re scaring people’ — which is sort of the perfect answer.”

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‘Jump on Stage’

“Girl Walk” is very much of its time. Not only does it use Gregg Gillis’ hyper audio pastiche as its soundtrack and apply a dash of flash mob mentality to the process, but the film was entirely funded via the Kickstarter.com website.

There is at least one thing that’s timeless about tonight’s event, though. All in attendance are encouraged to dance!

“From the beginning we knew we wanted to use the energy that would be building during the film to boomerang people’s excitement to hopefully get them moving in wonderfully unselfconscious ways,” says Krupnick.

Krupnick and producer Youngna Park will be on-hand afterwards for a Q&A.

Also note that RSVPs are required for tonight’s event, but that does not guarantee entry. Admission will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

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TV watch list

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▶ Cee Lo Green, left, and guest mentor Ne-Yo give advice to contestants on "The Voice."

'The Voice'

REALITY. Now that the blind auditions are over, does anyone else suspect that the swivel chairs go into storage in Cee Lo's rumpus room? And that he has a rec area in his house that he calls a rumpus room? More to the point, it's time for the celebrity judges/mentors to finalize their teams during the battle rounds, which kick off tonight. Aiding the contestants are even more celebrity mentors, including Kelly Clarkson, Jewel, Ne-Yo and Alanis Morissette. **8 p.m., NBC**

'Love Broker'

REALITY. To counterbalance Patti Stanger, Bravo takes a kinder, gentler (but still a little kooky) approach to matchmaking by introducing NYC love guru Lori Zaslow. **Series premiere, 10 p.m., Bravo**

'The Bachelor: The Women Tell All'

REALITY. Because the contestants simply didn't say enough nasty things about each other and bachelor Ben during each episode this season, now they're back to whine for another two hours. **8 p.m., ABC**

'The Lying Game'

DRAMA. Season 1 of the separated-at-birth drama ends with a wedding and a revelation about the twins, Emma and Sutton, and Sutton's adoptive family. **Season finale, 9 p.m., ABC Family** AMBER RAY

'The Lorax' tops the weekend box office

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▶ No need to pout — "The Lorax" conquered the box office over the weekend.

The animated movie version of the Dr. Seuss story "The Lorax" climbed to the top of weekend box office charts with a stronger-than-expected $70.7 million in U.S. and Canadian ticket sales, studio estimates released yesterday showed.

"The Lorax" topped second-place film "Project X," a new comedy that brought in $20.8 million at domestic theaters from Friday through Sunday. "Act of Valor," a military drama in its second weekend in theaters, took third place with $13.7 million.

Universal Pictures, a division of Comcast Corp., released "The Lorax." "Project X" was distributed by Time Warner Inc. unit Warner Bros. and "Act of Valor" was released by privately held Relativity Media. REUTERS

Best debut of 2012 so far

The $70.7 million take for "The Lorax" marked the strongest weekend box office opening for a film so far this year. "The Vow" had held the honor going into the weekend, debuting with $41 million in ticket sales when it opened last month. METRO

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True 'Thug Motivation'

Young Jeezy says that his fans don't have to be from the 'hood to relate to his rhymes He says as long as 'they know what getting up early in the morning to go after a dream is like' then they will be able to understand

Can a former hustler who sells motivational speeches from the 'hood perspective survive without reality show-level media hijinks or social media oversharing? If the former hustler in question is Young Jeezy, that would be a yes. The rapper stands out in a world where some MCs and video vixens wear the same pants.

The third and final chapter of the Atlanta MC's series is "Thug Motivation 103: Hustlerz Ambition." The album reached No. 3 on the Billboard 200 charts this past December and was certified gold by January. His fans waited nearly two years for it, and it goes to show that Jeezy's brand of hardcore has not gone unmissed by his almost cultlike fan base. That relationship is one which Jeezy seems to appreciate and understand.

"We just have that connection," he says. "A lot of people aren't from the streets or from the trap but they know what grinding is all about. They know what getting up early in the morning to go after a dream is like."

With high profile guests like T.I., Andre 3000, Ne-Yo, Fabolous, Jill Scott and Jay-Z, "TM:103" is on the verge of being Jeezy's biggest work.

Currently on the road, Jeezy says he prefers the intimate setting of large theaters over megavenues. It helps strengthen that connection he speaks of, with his fans.

"The 30,000 seaters you have screens, the lights and all the production and so forth," he says. "It takes away from the feeling of it. I like to be up on the crowd."

BENNETT RAGLIN/GETTY IMAGES

"I like to be up on the crowd," says Young Jeezy of performing in smaller venues.

'Buying into me'

Jeezy says his full length albums have done well in the age of the $1.29 song because of his persona.

"I don't have a problem selling units because they aren't just buying one song. They are buying into me."

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Fire up your friendships

It's time to take your relationship to the next level By that, we mean your relationship with your best bud How to bring back the spark

Go out on a friend date this week.

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Coming down from the Valentine's Day mayhem can be a bit trippy for single folks. Sometimes the holiday can create a sense of separation and loneliness. Feel familiar? Here's a way to add more romance in every area of your life.

The thought that one person can be your source of inspiration, excitement and bliss is totally wacky. Don't just seek romance in one special love partner — open up to the possibility for more within your friendships.

Zen in the city

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This week, go on a date with a friend. The goal? To shake yourself out of your routines and recognize how fulfilling friendships can be. Enjoy your friend's company in a whole new way by focusing the same attention onto the friendship as you would a romantic partner. OK, no — you won't be making out with your best friend. But you can be equally inspired by your pal's personality and unique traits. By perceiving your friendship as more romantic, you'll strengthen your sense of companionship and oneness.

The benefit of shifting your perspective in friendship is not only that you have more fun, but that you let your romantic partner (or, if you're single, your future romantic partner) off the hook. When you bring more romance into your friendships, you no longer need a romantic partner to be your only source of happiness. This shift guides you to radiate a more confident energy and release neediness.

So set yourself free from the false perception that one special person will save you. Level the playing field and ignite fiery sparks in all your relationships!

— Gabrielle Bernstein is the author of "Spirit Junkie."

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Strike a pose

Wide-legged forward bend/ Prasarita padottanasana

What you do:

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2 Exhale and, maintaining the length of the front torso, lean the torso forward from the hip joints. As your torso approaches parallel to the floor, press your fingertips to the floor directly below your shoulders. Extend your elbows fully. Bring your head up, keeping the back of the neck long, and direct your gaze upward toward the ceiling.

3 Push your top thighs straight back to help lengthen the front torso. Take a few breaths and walk your fingertips between your feet. Take a few more breaths and then, with an exhalation, bend your elbows and lower your torso and head into a full forward bend. Make sure as you move down that you keep your front torso as long as possible.

4 Press your inner palms actively into the floor, fingers pointing forward. If you have the flexibility, walk your hands back. Be sure to keep your arms parallel to each other and widen the shoulder blades across the back. Draw your shoulders away from your ears. Hold for one minute.

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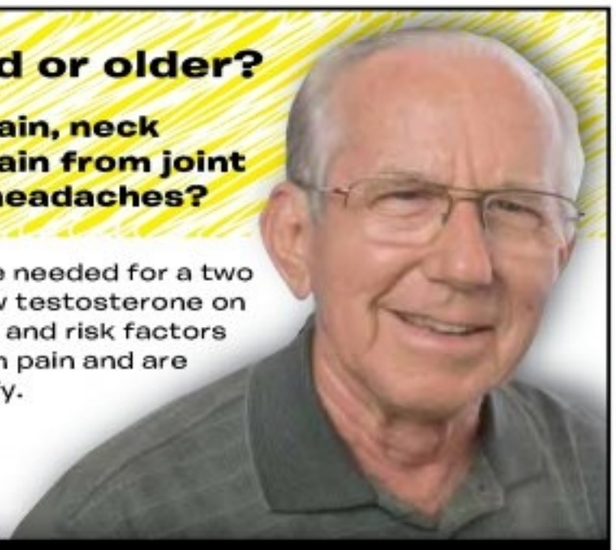

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▶ Before the interview ends, have some thoughtful questions prepared.

Job interviews will never be easy, but the first few after graduating are especially tough Author Lindsey Pollak on 'Getting from College to Career'

The dreaded job interview is a crucial hurdle to entering the job market. Author Lindsey Pollak has plenty of advice for first-time job-hunters, from polishing your résumé to picking out an outfit. Her book, "Getting from College to Career," was recently re-released by HarperCollins and updated to reflect the changing economy and technologies.

What's the first step to preparing for a job interview?
The biggest mistake people make is saying, "I'll just be myself. I'll wing it." You need to research the organization: Visit its website, follow it on Twitter or Facebook, find out something about its products and services, culture, competitors and CEO.

How can you weave that information into the conversation in a natural way?
A lot of people go into interviews only thinking about themselves: "How am I going to make them think that I'm great?" But if you can think about it from their perspective, you can really help yourself. They don't just want someone great; they want a great fit for who they are. The goal is to sound more like a peer or an industry insider, rather than someone starting from the beginning.

"If you can think about it from their perspective, you can really help yourself. They don't just want someone great; they want a great fit for who they are."
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What are some common beginner mistakes?
I'm always surprised how many recruiters say people are late or dressed improperly. Another obvious no-no is leaving your cell phone on during the interview. Don't tell them you're interested in other fields. It's OK to have other interests, but your job in the interview is to get that specific job. Don't talk about anything salary-related in the initial interview.

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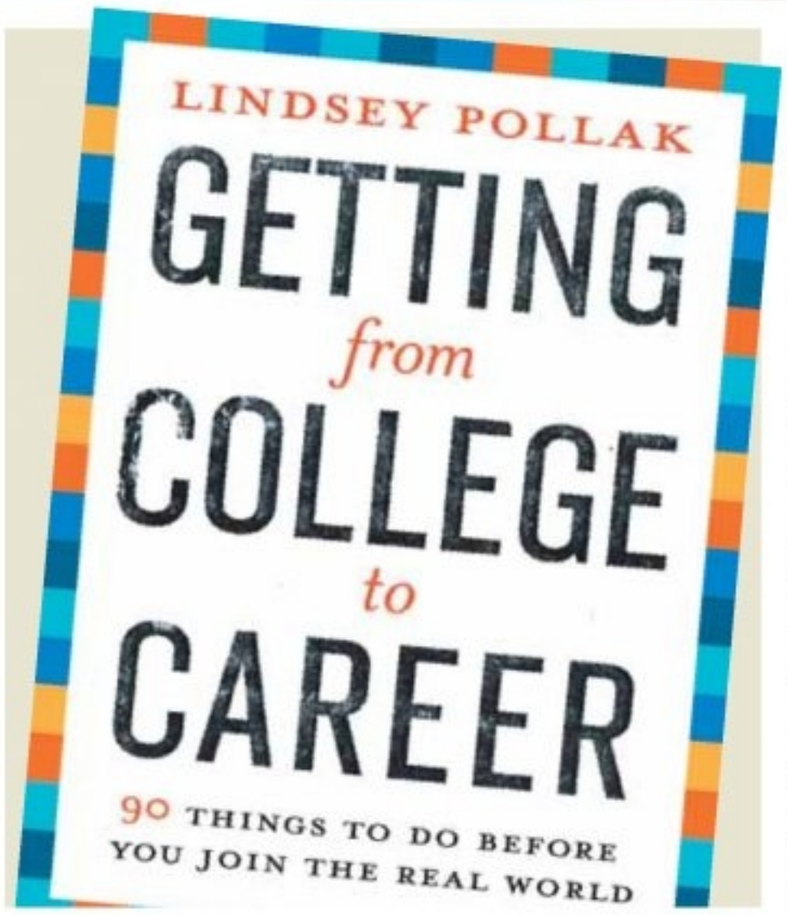

Three steps to sealing the deal:

1 Call ahead
If you're unsure what to wear to the interview, don't be afraid to call and ask for some guidelines for appropriate dress.

2 Prepare your endgame
At the conclusion of almost any interview, the interviewer will ask if you have any questions about the job and company. Be prepared for this moment. It's a good time to show off your research and interest.

3 Say thank you
Make sure to send a thank-you e-mail — or even a card — a day or two after the interview.

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Qualities of happy workplaces

There's not much that annoys employees more than a broken coffee machine — unless you're counting the job itself. According to a recent survey by Right Management's talent and career services, the majority of American employees describe their present work situation as unrewarding and draining. Talent management expert Ron Sims attributes the workplace blues primarily to feelings of confinement. With drastic reductions in staff over the last several years, "companies are doing a lot more with a lot less people, so workers can't afford to leave," he says.

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▶ Happy employees make for happy offices.

Though most employees would gladly take their unhappy selves elsewhere, "there's a fear that there are no options available," says Sims. "Folks used to have the option of walking in and walking out, whereas the lack of choice now drives disengagement."

Despite the slump, companies can still incorporate optimism into the picture. According to Sims, the happiest workplaces are:

1 Appreciative: "People feel valued. What we have found critical is the importance of recognition and acknowledgement, even in gestures as simple as coming around and thanking people for their time and work."

2 Honest: "Management is open and transparent. The company encourages everyone to discuss concerns."

3 Proactive: "Though the situation is tight, there are still career management opportunities to learn and develop within the company." TIFFANY KANG

The bright side

It's not as tough as it seems. "Folks who handle this the best are those that understand the context, though they're not necessarily pleased, and try to make the best of the situation. Instead of complaining, there may be something you can do to make yourself more satisfied and, frankly, more happy."

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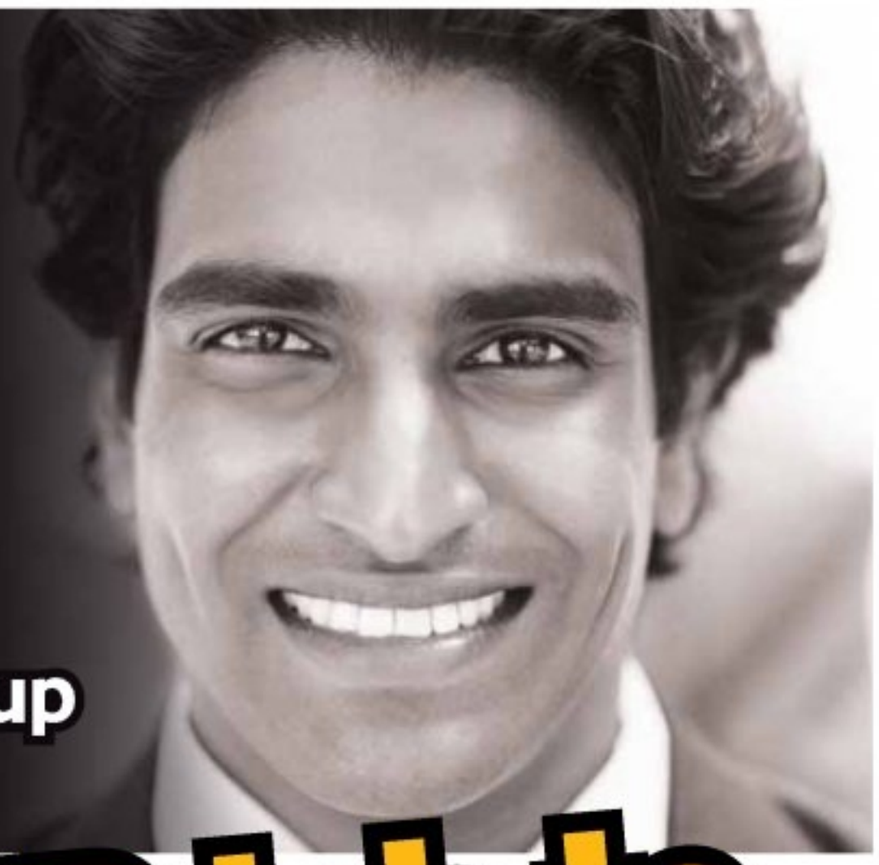

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▶ The less-traditional MSL is gaining popularity stateside.

When Melanie Eberhardt graduated from Pennsylvania's Geneva College, she considered pursuing an MBA. But few programs focused on her specific interests: human resources and business ethics. So she opted for the Master of Science in Leadership program at Duquesne University.

"Initially I thought the MBA was the way to go, because it sells itself," says Eberhardt. "But so many people have MBAs now, so I don't think it stands out as much anymore. If you're not focused primarily on business or accounting, an MBA may not be the best fit."

In past decades, the Master of Science in Leadership was offered, almost exclusively, in Europe. But over the last five years, the number of MSL programs in the U.S. has grown significantly as more professionals seek alternatives to the traditional route. Typically, MSL programs provide a focus on psychology — and even anthropology — to prepare students for effective leadership. They're less devoted to marketing, finance and accounting. "It's an interdisciplinary degree. The focus is leadership, not necessarily business leadership," says Dr. William Schulz, associate dean of Walden University School of Management. "In an MSL program, you'll find school administrators, teachers, university leaders [and] nonprofit leaders. It's a more diverse group."

MSL vs. MBA

An MBA speaks for itself, but that doesn't mean it's the best choice for everyone. "The MSL is still somewhat new in the United States, so it doesn't have the brand value of an MBA," says Schulz. "But if a student really wants the MSL curriculum, then they shouldn't have trouble describing the benefit of that program to an employer."

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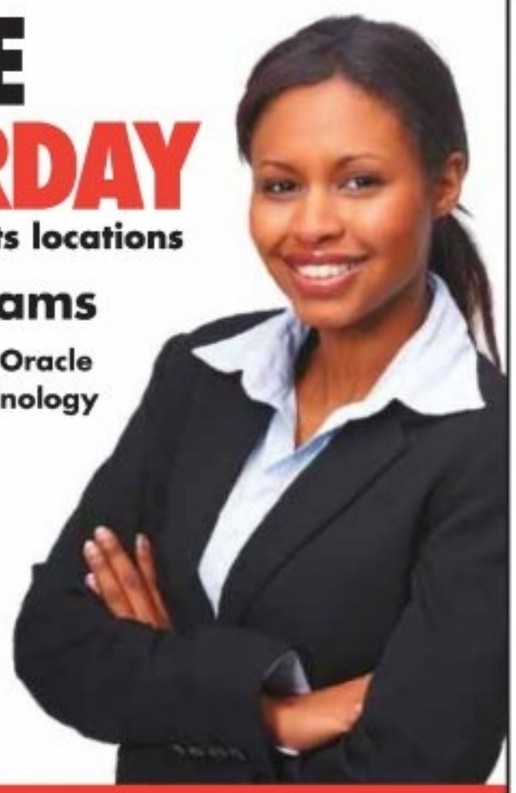

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The gas problem: Whose fault is it?

As a consumer who depends on driving to get to work, I am appalled how we are being ripped off at the pump — and I feel the reasons are most troubling. There are the threats coming from Iran, and then there are the Democratic policies that do little to stop the rising costs. Then there are the Wall Street speculators who profit when the price of oil is forced up — at consumers' expense. The Democrats' answer is more fuel-efficient cars, which will take years to accomplish; then you have the Republican answer, which is drill, drill, drill — also no help in the short-term. I don't know the answer, but I think the silent majority needs to rise up and say, "Enough is enough, we are mad as hell and we won't take it anymore." Remember we have the power, and we will be listened to!

FREDERICK R. BEDELL, VIA E-MAIL

How stupid are we to let the bankster-puppet president, and puppet Congress and puppet media scare us into giving them an excuse to raise the price of gasoline to $5 just in time for summer vacation? They had to start early and take a few months to ramp it up. If Americans stand for this, they are as stupid as the oiligarchs think they are. **CHARLES MICHAEL COUCH, VIA E-MAIL**

To anyone who doubts that Republicans always lie, ask yourself why they are attacking Obama (whom I dislike immensely because he's continued most of Bush's policies) for high gas prices. Republicans promised us the free market and competition would give us the lowest prices — yet now they are whining daily that the opposite happened: Gas prices by private corporations are not the lowest! Republicans are begging for communism out loud: They say Obama should do something to curb the greed of big corporations!

JANICE AMATO, VIA E-MAIL

Israel so small, its enemies so large

How would U.S. citizens feel if threats as well as rockets were constantly launched against some other country aside from Israel — perhaps Italy, to be "wiped off the face of the Earth" — about the president's comment to not do anything until after the next election? All he worries about is getting re-elected. Israel never asks for U.S. soldiers, just verbal support. Israel is so small, and surrounded by very large hostile countries, yet it's expected to sit back and do nothing to protect itself. Would they feel the same way if it were another country?

JOAN BACHMAN, VIA E-MAIL

Three ways Obama is dividing America

Three things I'd do if I were president: 1. Listen more and not dictate; 2. Secure the borders, deny employment to all illegals and their offspring; 3. Cut spending, cut government, stop printing money and stop all handouts to other nations except those threatened; 4. Halt the affordable health care bill and review it with bipartisan participation; 5. Stop the flood of imports from China. None of the above will be done if this administration continues past November. This administration is dividing America.

JOHN E. BOVINSKI, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Co-workers are likely to follow your lead, so do your best to provide a good example. If things don't go well, you should stop a minute and give others ideas on making corrections.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** If you depart from prudent spending, you'll watch your bank account disappear in two shakes. Get hold of yourself and put a stop to the insanity.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Unfortunately, it isn't likely that you'll be able to keep your problems to a minimum, mostly due to you thinking that you can do what you want without any consequences.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Be careful if matters don't go exactly as you think they should. To counteract an unexpected wrinkle, you could adopt an unwise strategy that would make matters much worse.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** It would be sagacious to have someone check your work if what you're doing involves a lot of facts and figures. A huge mistake could result from one tiny error.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** By deliberately acting in a manner that is diametrically opposed to persons who are trying to help you, you will only end up looking belligerent and ungrateful.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** You've heard it before: "If you can't say something nice about someone, don't say anything at all." This could be especially wise thinking when dealing with in-laws.

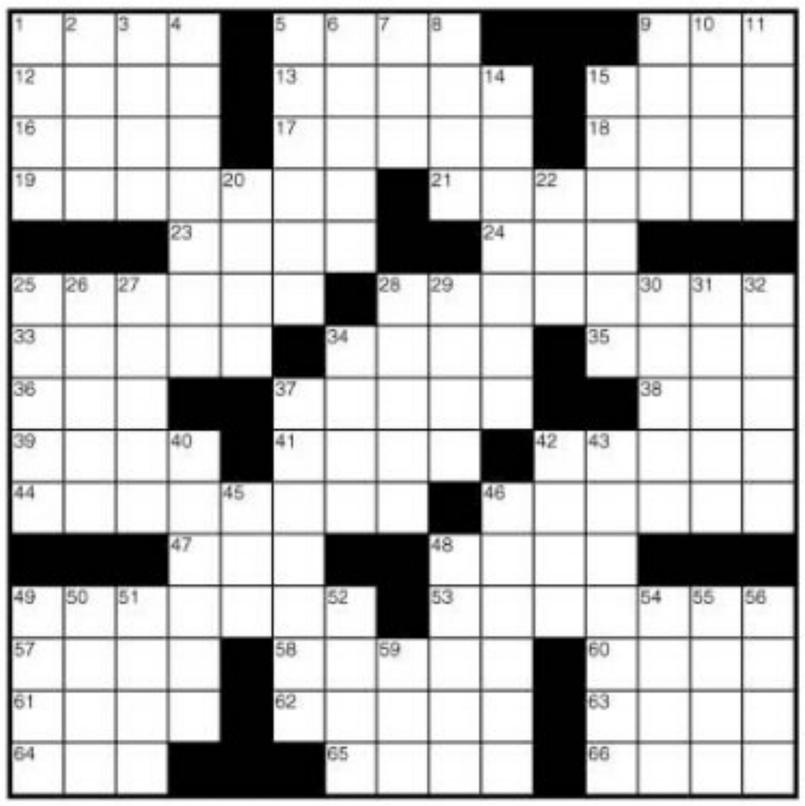
♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Don't try to overpower people when trying to get them to accept your suggestions. If they don't like your ideas, putting pressure on them would only make matters worse.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** If the ideas you're espousing happen to conflict with the plans of others, trying to get your way would only add more stress to the situation. It's often wise to compromise.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** In order to appease the demands of your associates, you might switch courses far too often to be effective. Making changes for change's sake does nothing for nobody.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Doing something out of spite only makes matters worse for everyone, yourself included. In fact, such a move could easily boomerang, with you getting caught in the crosshairs and ending up taking all the hits.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** If it's your responsibility to do something about a situation and it doesn't go well, don't attempt to point the finger of blame at another. Correct matters yourself. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**



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In the news

'Not a drop'
Former Patriots offensive coordinator Bill O'Brien told reporters during the weekend that Wes Welker's "drop" in the Super Bowl, wasn't a "drop."

"That would have been a tremendous catch," O'Brien told The Boston Globe. "(Welker) should never think twice about that."

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Boston's Lin-sane day

Former Harvard star takes on the Celtics for first time since Lin-sanity took off ◗ Region embraces the sudden celebrity ◗ Fans flock to Garden to catch glimpse of rising superstar

Jeremy Lin is no stranger to the Boston scene.

A standout player at Harvard, Lin had a solid cult following during his senior year there and in his first year in the NBA with the Golden State Warriors.

But this? Not even Lin himself ever imagined anything close. So when the Knicks invaded the Garden on Sunday afternoon, the Lin supporters in the building had grown exponentially.

Fans lined up along the tunnel entrances while Lin took pregame shots. As he made his way back to the locker room, some lucky ones got autographs. Two of those them were John and Adriana Kouloris, avid Celtics fans from Stoneham, Mass.

"We have Celtics season tickets, so we watch NBA basketball all the time," John said. "Are we Knicks fans? No, we can't say that. We support Jeremy Lin because he played at Harvard."

It's pretty easy to support a guy like Lin, someone whose story is obviously unique.

"It's like the Tim Tebow story," John said, "but I think it's a little bit better than Tim Tebow because Tim Tebow actually won a championship in college and he was more known, whereas Jeremy Lin didn't have that. He came from a small — well obviously Harvard's a big college, but basketballwise it's not as big, you know?"

Rajon Rondo (triple double — 18 points, 17 rebounds, 20 assists) was warming up on the other end of the court, but you certainly couldn't tell. The focus was on Lin, who finished the game with 14 points, four rebounds, and five assists.

Telly Lee, a Lin fan since his Harvard days, was taking pictures while sporting a Lin jersey from Lin's time in Golden State.

"I heard about a couple huge games against UConn (college career high 30 points), against BC," Lee said. "Just been completely enthralled; I was amazed.

"You know that he had the skill for [NBA stardom], but the environment wasn't always there … I think this is history in the making right here."

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Lin-sanity strong

Jeremy Lin hasn't let up since the return of Carmelo Anthony. Lin had 14 points and five assists against the Celtics on Sunday.

- **Feb. 29** against Cleveland, Lin scored 19 points and had 13 assists in a Knicks win over the Cavs.
- **Feb. 23** against the Heat, Lin struggled with eight points and just three assists against the best team in the East.
- **Feb. 22** against Atlanta, Lin recorded 17 points and had nine assists.

GETTY IMAGES

▶ Knicks sensation Jeremy Lin and the Knicks invaded TD Garden Sunday.

3 things we learned on Sunday

▶ Rondo

1. BIG 2 STEP UP
Two players really stepped up for the Celtics on Sunday: Rajon Rondo and Paul Pierce. First, take a look at Rondo's stat line: 18 points, 17 rebounds, 20 assists. "Trade him! Trade him!" Really? Before you run somebody like Rondo out of town, really take a look at all he has to offer. Pierce, though, was at his best Sunday. His 3-pointer to send it into overtime was just one of 13 made shots (34 points) on Sunday.

2. TURNOVERS AT A MINIMUM
Often times the Celtics shoot themselves in the foot by turning the ball over way too many times. To make matters worse, they play at a slow pace, which makes possessions that much more important. But over the last couple of games the Celtics have protected the ball much better.

14 The Celtics turned the ball over just 14 times Sunday while the Knicks gifted it 22 times.

3. BIG WIN
This was a big, big game for the Celtics, who are already thinking about playoff seeding. The win gives them a 2-1 series lead over the Knicks with one more game to play. Both teams should rank close to each other in the playoff seeding, so any tie-breaking advantage is big. "I felt like it's an important game, and we said that," Doc Rivers said. "This is a team that's trying to move in front of you, behind you, playoff position – you just never know. The biggest thing is they're getting confidence, and we didn't want that to grow against us. I thought that was very important."

JIMMY TOSCANO

A look back at the Bruins' weekend to nowhere

- Bruins suddenly at risk of losing No. 2 seed in East
- Could drop all the way down to seventh seed

Gregory Campbell and Stu Bickel go at it Sunday in New York.

Things could hardly have gone worse for the Bruins over the weekend — on the scoreboard, in the standings and on the medical report. Sunday was supposed to be about the potential conference finals preview against the Rangers in New York. That the Blueshirts are now 3-0 against the Bruins this season after a 4-3 victory at Madison Square Garden is the least of the Bruins' worries right now.

"Right now, what can go wrong, will. It's one of those modes."
BRUINS GOALTENDER TIM THOMAS FOLLOWING SUNDAY'S LOSS

Tuukka Trouble

The Bruins are holding their breath for today's medical evaluation of goalie Tuukka Rask after his injury Saturday. The Bruins' trump card has been the ability to rest 37-year-old Tim Thomas for the postseason while not suffering a drop in production. But even if Rask's injury only keeps him out a few weeks — and that could be an optimistic timetable — the damage his absence would do foils the team's plans.

The schedule over the final five weeks is brutal, with 18 games crammed into 34 days. A year ago, Thomas played in just 12 of the final 18 games, taking breaks of five days or more three times. That won't be possible now.

Seeds of doubt

Sunday's loss ended the race for the top spot in the East. The Rangers now lead by 12 points, leaving the Bruins likely slotted in the No. 2 position in the postseason.

Third-degree burns

The Bruins did well to rebound from an early 2-0 deficit Sunday — led by the most productive game of Jordan Caron's brief NHL career (goal, assist). But in the third period, the Bruins were outscored 2-1, with the Rangers scoring the game's final goal. The same happened in Saturday's 3-2 loss to the Islanders.

The third period had been the B's winning time through the season's first 48 games, as they outscored opponents 71-33 in the final 20 minutes of regulation. But in the past 16 games — in which the Bruins have gone 6-10 and have been shut out five times — opponents are outscoring the B's 17-13 in the third, a precipitous drop from plus-38 to minus-4.

If the Bruins cannot find their inner Keith Foulke and continue a Heathcliff Slocumb-like existence, it won't matter who's in net come June, because they won't be wearing black and gold.

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Seeds planted

The Rangers have locked up the No. 1 seed in the East. Where will the Bruins land?

- **Ottawa** trails the Bruins, currently the No. 2 seed in the Eastern Conference, by just three points.
- **Drop to No. 7?** The division is what counts here. If the B's don't win the Northeast division, they risk being dropped down to the No. 7 seed in the Eastern Conference.

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Sox get off on right foot with impressive first weekend

The Red Sox played their first actual games since last season's September collapse during the weekend and the results were predictably stellar.

A day after beating up Northeastern University (25-0) and Boston College (6-3) at JetBluePark, Boston took down the Minnesota Twins, 8-3, in a split-squad opener.

Josh Beckett led the way for the Red Sox with two scoreless innings of work while Lars Anderson belted a grand slam.

Red Sox pitcher Andrew Miller looked strong against the Twins Sunday as he allowed 0 hits over two innings while striking out three.

Former Sox players Carl Yastrzemski, Luis Tiant, Jim Rice, Dwight Evans and Mike Greenwell were on-hand to open the Sox new ballpark.

Carl Crawford will have his wrist checked today by doctors prior to swinging a bat, ESPN reported. It's a precuationary measure but Crawford is expected to be able to resume all activities if cleared.

The Red Sox will face the Twins yet again tonight (7 p.m., NESN).

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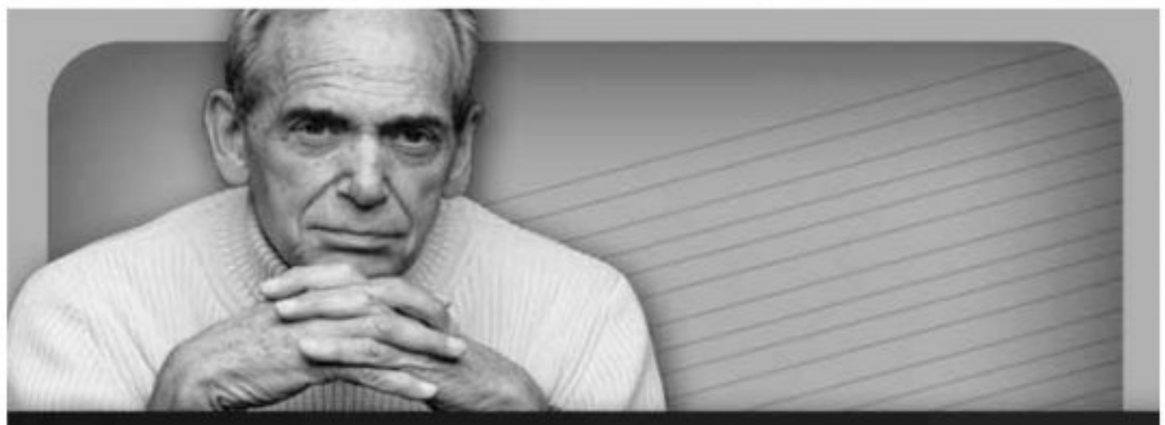

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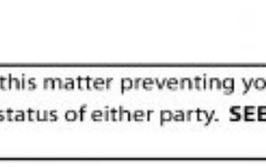

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DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING	Docket No. SU12D0286DR	Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court
Adrienne Polk Corbin vs. Robert S. Corbin Jr. To the Defendant:		Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street PO Box 9667 Boston, MA 02114

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce irretrievable breakdown of the marriage pursuant to G.L. c 208 Sec. 1B.

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:
Adrienne Polk-Corbin
49 Brook Ave, Boston, MA 02119
your answer, if any, on or before **04/05/2012**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

WITNESS, Hon. Joan P Armstrong, First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 13, 2012
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